

In the claims:

Please rewrite the claims as follows:

- 1.(Previously Presented)      A selective bird feeder, comprising:  
a selective housing having at least one sidewall and a base;  
a seed holder contained within the selective housing and including a base;  
a fastening member constructed and arranged to removably secure the base of the selective housing to the base of the seed holder;  
a top adjacent an upper edge of the selective housing;  
wherein, upon removal of the fastening member, the selective housing and the base of the selective housing are disconnected from the seed holder such that a user can remove the selective housing and the base of the selective housing from engagement with the base of the seed holder.
2. (Original)    The selective bird feeder of claim 1, further including a space disposed between a sidewall of the seed holder and the at least one sidewall of the selective housing.
3. (Original) The selective bird feeder of claim 2, wherein the space is about 1.0 inches.
4. (Original)    The selective bird feeder of claim 3, wherein the space is about 1.5 inches.
5. (Original)    The selective bird feeder of claim 4, wherein the space is about 2.0 inches.
- 6.(Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) The selective bird feeder of claim 1, wherein the base of the selective housing is substantially solid.

8. (Previously Presented) The selective bird feeder of claim 1, wherein the base of the selective housing includes apertures.

9. (Original) The selective bird feeder of claim 1, wherein the at least one sidewall of the selective housing includes apertures having a maximum dimension of about 1.0 inches.

10. (Original) The selective bird feeder of claim 1, wherein the at least one sidewall of the selective housing includes apertures having a maximum dimension of about 1.5 inches.

11. (Original) The selective bird feeder of claim 1, wherein the at least one sidewall of the selective housing includes apertures having a maximum dimension of about 2.0 inches.

12. (Previously Presented) The selective bird feeder of claim 1, wherein the top of the selective housing is substantially solid.

13. (Previously Presented) The selective bird feeder of claim 1, wherein the top of the selective housing includes apertures.

14. (Original) The selective bird feeder of claim 1, wherein the top of the selective housing includes apertures having a maximum dimension of about 1.0 inches.

15. (Original) The selective bird feeder of claim 1, wherein the top of the selective housing includes apertures having a maximum dimension of about 1.5 inches.

16. (Original) The selective bird feeder of claim 1, wherein the top of the selective housing includes apertures having a maximum dimension of about 2.0 inches

17. (Original) The selective bird feeder of claim 1, wherein the removable top directly contacts the seed holder.

18. (Original) The selective bird feeder of claim 17, wherein the seed holder includes a cap, and the removable top directly contacts the cap.

19. (Original) The selective bird feeder of claim 1, wherein the removable top is spaced apart from the seed holder.

20. (Original) The selective bird feeder of claim 1, wherein the removable top includes an aperture through which a portion of the seed holder extends.

21. (Original) The selective bird feeder of claim 19, wherein the seed holder includes a cap, and further comprising a space between the removable top and the cap.

22. (Original) The selective bird feeder of claim 21, wherein the spacing between the cap and the removable top is adjustable.

23. (Original) The selective bird feeder of claim 21, wherein the spacing between the cap and the removable top is adjustably limited.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Original) The selective bird feeder of claim 1, wherein the top of the selective housing includes apertures.

26. (Previously Presented) The selective bird feeder of claim 21, further comprising a hanger attached to the seed holder, wherein the hanger extends through the top.

27. (Currently Amended) A selective bird feeder, comprising:  
a selective housing having a cylindrical sidewall and including apertures having a width ranging from about 1.3 inches to about 1.7 inches;  
a ridge-free, substantially smooth removable top detached from and supported at least on the cylindrical sidewall of the selective housing;  
a cylindrical seed holder contained within and spaced apart from the cylindrical sidewall of the selective housing; and  
a hanger attached to the selective bird feeder;  
wherein the removable top is in direct contact with the cylindrical seed holder and the sidewall of the selective.

28. (Original) The selective bird feeder of claim 27, wherein the selective housing includes a base on which the seed holder is supported.

29. (Original) The selective bird feeder of claim 27, wherein the seed holder includes a base on which the selective housing is supported.

30. (Currently Amended) The selective bird feeder of claim 27, further including a seed holder cap, and wherein the hanger is attached to the ~~top~~ cap.

31. (Original) The selective bird feeder of claim 27, wherein the hanger is attached to the seed holder.

32. (Currently Amended) A selective bird feeder, comprising:  
a selective housing having at least one sidewall and a base, the at least one sidewall of the selective housing including a plurality of apertures;  
a seed holder at least partially contained within the selective housing and supported by the base of the selective housing;  
a space disposed between a sidewall of the seed holder and the at least one sidewall of the selective housing;  
a ridge-free, substantially smooth dome-shaped removable top in direct contact with the seed holder, the removable top being detached from and supported by the at least one sidewall of the selective housing, the removable top including an aperture through which a portion of the seed holder extends; and  
the seed holder further including a cap spaced apart from the removable top, and further including a hanger attached to the cap.

33. (Original) The selective bird feeder of claim 1, further comprising a hanger attached to the seed holder.

34. (Original) The selective bird feeder of claim 33, wherein the top further includes an aperture sized and dimensioned to receive the hanger therethrough.

35. (Original) The selective bird feeder of claim 34, wherein the aperture is sized and dimensioned to receive the seed holder therethrough.

36. (Original) The selective bird feeder of claim 1, further comprising a clamp disposed about the seed holder above the removable top.

37. (Original) The selective bird feeder of claim 27, further comprising a clamp disposed about the seed holder above the top.

38. (Original) The selective bird feeder of claim 32, further comprising a clamp disposed about the seed holder above the top.

39. (Original) The selective bird feeder of claim 36, wherein the top is substantially dome-shaped, and the outer edge of the top extends below the upper edge of the selective housing.

40. (Original) The selective bird feeder of claim 1, wherein the top is a substantially transparent plastic material.